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## Yolo's Lois Wolk presented with 'Hands on Legislator of the Year Award'



Lois Wolk

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A California nonprofit dedicated to supporting family farms honored Senator Lois Wolk recently for her support of family farmers and sustainable agriculture.

The Community Alliance with Family Farmers presented Wolk its "Hands on Legislator of the Year Award" at a dinner in Davis last Saturday in recognition of "her hands on efforts to support family farmers and climate friendly farming" and her authorship of Senate Bill 367, the Agriculture Climate Benefits Act.

"I am fortunate to represent a district that has both a rich agricultural heritage and a deep respect for the land," said Wolk, D-Davis. "Farmers and ranchers are on the frontlines of climate change. But they are also uniquely positioned to provide climate benefits by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. I thank CAFF for this honor and am proud to work alongside them to support agricultural practices that produce climate benefits while better preparing farms to deal with drought and other effects of climate change."

Wolk's SB 367 is co-sponsored by CAFF and the California Climate and Agriculture Network, and works to ensure that California maximizes opportunities to achieve voluntary greenhouse gas emission reductions in the state's agriculture sector by developing and promoting projects and on-farm practices that also have other environmental and health benefits.

"Senator Wolk's Legislator of the Year award is well-earned. She has been a consistent supporter of CAFF, family farmers and sustainable agriculture during her entire legislative career," said Diane del Signore, executive director of the Community Alliance with Family Farmers. "SB 367, sponsored by CAFF, is a landmark bill that will promote climate-friendly farming practices in California, and CAFF is proud to work with Senator Wolk for its passage."

This is the fifth award Wolk has received recently. The California Solar Energy Industry Association presented Wolk its Lifetime Achievement Award for her work on solar energy policy — including her 2013 legislation (SB 43) to establish a program that would open access to clean and

affordable renewable energy to millions of Californians previously unable to take advantage of the state's renewable programs.

Restore Hetch Hetchy also presented Wolk its John Muir Heritage Award for her work to shape water policy and management in California — particularly for her work on California's 2014 water bond and to restore Hetch Hetchy Valley. Additionally, the Design Build Institute of America Western Pacific Region honored Wolk for her legislative achievements and work in furthering design-build as a delivery method. And the US Green Building Council presented Wolk its 2015 Green Hard Hat Award in recognition of her work in water conservation and distributed energy generation.

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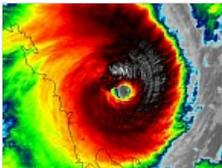


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